

Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program 2006-2007 Fact Sheet

The 2006-2007 Future Teachers program is open ONLY to individuals seeking certification or endorsement in secondary math, secondary science, special education, or bilingual education.

Program Purpose

The Future Teachers program is designed to help outstanding students and paraprofessionals obtain Washington residency teaching certificates, and to help current teachers obtain additional shortage subject endorsements. In return for program benefits, participants agree to teach in Washington K-12 public schools for a specified length of time. For 2006-2007, participants must perform one year of full-time teaching (in math, science, special or bilingual education) in exchange for each year of full-time funding. Funding is available for approximately 70 applicants in 2006-2007.

Program Benefits

Program benefits can be received as conditional scholarships or loan repayments. Benefit amounts are based on the school attended and the number of credits taken.

Conditional Scholarships:

- Conditional scholarships are **loans** that can be forgiven in exchange for qualified classroom teaching service in Washington K-12 public schools.
- Participants receive payments through their college's financial aid office **while** enrolled in their educational program (for certificate or endorsement).
- Participants who do not fulfill their teaching obligation must repay their loan plus a loan fee and interest. Repayment status can result from not completing the educational plan submitted to the HECB, ceasing to teach before the teaching obligation is completed, and/or moving out of state.

Loan Repayments:

- Loan repayments are money, paid directly to participants, to apply toward their federal student loans.
- Participants receive loan repayments **after** completing their educational program (for certificate or endorsement) **and, after** performing qualified classroom teaching service in Washington K-12 public schools.
- Participants who do not fulfill their teaching obligation have no liability to the program.
- Loan repayments are **not** based on a participant's federal student loan balance and will **not necessarily** satisfy a participant's entire student loan obligation.

In general, an applicant **with** outstanding federal student loans who is accepted into the program will receive program benefits in the form of loan repayments. An applicant with **no** outstanding federal loans who is accepted into the program will generally receive program benefits in the form of conditional scholarship payments. The benefit amount is exactly the same, whether received as loan repayments or as conditional scholarship payments.

Program Benefit Amount for Students Attending:	Estimated 2006-07 Annual Benefit (full-time, 3 quarters or 2 semesters):
University of Washington Washington State University Private four-year college or university	\$5,800
Central Washington University Eastern Washington University The Evergreen State College Western Washington University	\$4,350
Community & Technical Colleges	\$2,600

Participants receive 50 percent of the benefit for half-time enrollment and 75 percent of the benefit for three-quarter enrollment. Participants enrolled in a fourth quarter or third semester within a single academic year are eligible for additional program benefits. Participants must maintain continuous enrollment (one term off permitted per school year), in at least half-time status at an eligible institution.

Qualifications Desired

Program benefits (conditional scholarships and loan repayments) will be awarded on a competitive basis.

A selection committee will consider each applicant's:

- Academic ability;
- Contributions to school systems;
- Potential to serve as a positive role model for students;
- Length of time until completion of the educational program; and
- Commitment to serve as a Washington public classroom teacher.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be resident students of the state of Washington.
- Declare an intention to complete an approved program leading to a Washington residency teaching certificate or an additional endorsement in secondary math, secondary science, special education, or bilingual education. (*Note: For the purposes of our program, "bilingual education" means teaching subjects other than English in more than one language in a Washington K-12 public classroom.*)
- Plan to attend an eligible institution at least half-time while maintaining satisfactory academic progress. (*Note: some online programs are ineligible for funding under this program.*)
- Plan to be employed as a certificated classroom teacher in Washington K-12 public schools **and teach secondary math, secondary science, special education, or in a bilingual classroom**. If bilingual priority is accepted, the participant **must** teach in a **bilingual** classroom.
- Not be pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in theology.
- Submit a complete application to the HECB by the stated deadline.

Selection Priorities and Restrictions

Priority will be given to:

- Applicants who are public K-12 classified employees pursuing certificates or endorsements in secondary math, secondary science, special education, or bilingual education.
- Applicants who provide verification of bilingual ability in languages needed in Washington schools who accept the teaching restriction below.

Applicants who accept **bilingual priority** are subject to the following **restrictions**:

1. The participant **must use that bilingual language in a Washington K-12 public school classroom** in order to receive loan forgiveness or loan repayments.
2. If the participant **does NOT teach** in that bilingual language, he or she must **repay** any conditional scholarship funds received and is **ineligible** to receive loan repayments.

Application Process

- 1) Complete the application form; available on our Web site at: www.hecb.wa.gov/teachers
- 2) Obtain required school transcripts (official or unofficial, photocopies, or web copies).
- 3) Obtain one to three recommendation forms (application pages 5 - 6) from a current teacher or school official.
- 4) If seeking bilingual priority, obtain one completed Bilingual Verification Form (application page 7) from a teacher, school official, employer, or professor, and if applicable, one completed School District Verification of Bilingual Need Form (application page 8).
- 5) Submit **ALL** materials in **ONE** envelope. Incomplete applications will be returned.

All applications must be received (by mail or delivery) by 4:30 P.M. on Friday, October 6, 2006.

(Postmark dates are **NOT** accepted. Faxed applications are **NOT** accepted.)

Notification

We will send letters to all applicants, successful and unsuccessful, by November 30, 2006.

More Information

Contact Mary Knutson at the Higher Education Coordinating Board: toll-free 1-888-535-0747 (option 2) to leave a message; directly 360-753-7845; E-mail: maryk@hecb.wa.gov, or visit our Web site: www.hecb.wa.gov/teachers